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West Berlin Jails Red Double Spy

Served Both American and Soviet Rings

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BONN.—A Communist "double spy," Gerhard Wegner, 38, has been imprisoned for the betrayal of United States and German intelligence secrets to the Soviets while serving as a Western agent.

United States intelligence officials describe Wegner as the same type of double agent Nikita Khrushchev, while in the United States, boasted had turned over United States code books to the Russians, who then used them to feed false information to American intelligence.

Wegner was tried by the West German Federal Court at Karlsruhe, which handles espionage cases affecting the United States and West German military forces.

TOP HAND

The trial brought out that Wegner is a top Communist spy who was assigned in 1953 to infiltrate the intelligence organization of Gen. Reinhard Gehlen. The so-called "Gehlen Organization" at that time was financed and controlled by the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

Wegner was accepted as a Gehlen agent, and ever since 1953 had been feeding United States and West German spy secrets to Moscow.

United States intelligence officials state that Wegner is a "fair sample of the double agent problem. We all are double agents, and we all get kicked frequently."

FAMED CAST

United States intelligence officials, in this connection, have named several American agents

Khorunzhi posed as a Red Army defector anxious to "serve the cause of freedom." He was accepted by the CIA and became a key agent under the name "Georg Mueller," according to evidence at his trial in 1955.

Sometimes, Khorunzhi-Mueller was serving Russian intelligence. He was accused: when tried of having given CIA secrets to Moscow, including the most vital secrets, including the participation of American agents in the Rosenberg case.

Khorunzhi-Mueller is now serving a 10-year term in a German prison.

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